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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM QUESTION

1. MFA DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION VAN SCHAIK TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT GON IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT MAY DEVELOP AT EC COUNCIL MEETING ON ENERGY MAY 22. THERE ARE MANY CONFLICTING PROPOSALS FROM GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES UNDER CONSIDERATION AND GON IS NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY ABOUT ANY OF THEM, INCLUDING SHELL'S POSITION PAPER.

2. ACCORDING TO VAN SCHAIK, DUTCH DELEGATE (NEW MINECON LUBBERS) IS BEING BRIEFED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

1. WHILE EC MUST HAVE ITS OWN ENERGY POLICY, IT MUST CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH ALL MAJOR NON- MEMBER CONSUMERS, PARTICULARLY U. S. AND IF POSSIBLE JAPAN. THIS NECESSITATES CONTINUED USE OF OECD FORUM. EC/ US COOPERATION WILL BE VITAL EVEN IN EVENT OF DEFECTION BY JAPANESE.

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2. WHILE ENHANCED ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS IN PROMOTING CONSUMER COOPERATION IS INEVITABLE, GON (IN CONTRAST TO SHELL) BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE LOW KEY AND INFORMAL.

3. GON LOOKS UPON PROPOSALS FOR INSTITUTIONALIZED COOPERATION WITH OPEC WITH CONSIDERABLE RESERVE.

4. GON SHARES OUR GAME PLAN (AS THEY UNDERSTAND IT) FOR TREATMENT OF ENERGY IN OECD MINISTERIAL.

3. VAN SCHAIK WAS OBVIOUSLY FISHING FOR ANY SPECIFIC IDEAS USG MAY HAVE ON MODALITIES OF CONSUMER COOPERATION WHICH GON COULD CONSIDER BEFORE COUNCIL MEETING AND PERHAPS PUT FORWARD THERE. ECON COUNSELOR VENTURED NO COMMENT.
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